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ONE CENT

COMMUNITY TREE OBSERVANCE HERE

Program Being Arranged for Lighting Ceremony Saturday Night

TOYS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

Charleroi will have its first community Christmas tree observance Saturday night, in line with the custom which is growing in nearly all the larger cities and towns of the nation. The observance will take place beginning at 8:30 o'clock on the Berryman lot at the corner of Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue.

A committee of local citizens have been working on preparations for several days and they are busy now mapping out the program details. A tree 18 feet in height will be arranged and electrically lighted promptly at the hour set. As the lights are turned on a children's chorus under direction of Prof. I. T. Daniel, music supervisor of the schools will burst into song. Only a brief program will be rendered. The toy distribution to needy children that is the usual accompaniment of the community Christmas observance will take place from the Dawson millinery store.

The tree will be set and freely equipped by the Charleroi Lumber company, lumber, Regan and Hornell, electrical equipment and the West Penn Power company, electric power. The burgess and other borough officials will be present and may have a part in the program.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL PUBLICATION OUT

Attractiveness is Prime Feature of The Red and Black in First Issue Of Year

The Christmas number of The Red and Black, the Charleroi high school publication, is being issued today, it being the first of the present school year. In every particular the publication equals in point of interest and appearance those of last year, which were of an exceptionally high standard for a high school.

The contents of the Christmas number are literary features, including stories which savor greatly of Christmas, editorial, general school news, athletic, alumni and personals. The short story writers are six high school students from different classes. Advertising features are bright and timely with Christmas suggestions. Two half-tone cuts are used. One is that of Miss Ida May Hugg, who until her death was a member of the high school faculty. The other is a photograph of the championship high school football team.

Miss Ellen W. Speers is editor-in-chief of the publication. Eldred Welch is business manager. Others of the staff are: Literary editor, Freda Whitehead; assistant business manager, Paul Manon; athletic editor, Esther Berryman; alumni editor, Grace Rice; art editor, Helen Fleming; assistant editor, George Bruce; class reporters, senior, Thelma Duval; junior, Paul Manon; sophomore, Richard Hermann.

HASTENING CLEANING UP OF PEOPLES' COAL MINE

General Superintendent Harris Booker Has Number of Men Employed—May Ship by April

General Superintendent Harris Booker for the Diamond Coal and Coke company, has a gang of 14 men working at the Peoples' coal mine in Brownsville cleaning up the shops and buildings, where over a week ago a disastrous fire occurred. They will start to clean the main haulages of the mine possibly tomorrow. Orders for the heavy motors which will be run by electricity, have been placed. They are expected to be shipped to Brownsville in February. The company will ship most of its coal by river. Superintendent Booker expected to begin to ship coal by the first of April.

OIL SYSTEM NOW ABOUT COMPLETE

Operation of Macbeth-Evans Plant Started with Gas Substitute

PROGRESS MADE AT DONORA

Practically all of the Charleroi plant of the Macbeth-Evans Glass company is in operation today, using the oil producing system in place of the gas of which there is a shortage. Additional burners for the new system are being installed today and will be in shape soon for use.

The oil system at the outset is proving very effective. Its heat is better than that afforded by use of the gas, even if its cost is greater. In what is known as the "annex" the oil system will not be used. It is the plan of the company to use gas there saved from other departments.

At Donora today Superintendent J. B. Clark of the Donora Steel company, a plant of the United States Steel Corporation, said good progress is being made on the installation of a powdered coal fuel system. Enough of the system has already been installed to use in two or three furnaces and the work of installation will be completed he said in from 30 to 60 days. An oil system similar to that of the Macbeth-Evans company will be installed also after the first of the year.

FANCY FRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS

We have fancy fruit for Christmas Baskets, fancy candy, taffy and all kinds of bucket candy. Also Christmas trees. Prices low. California Fruit Stand, Corner Fifth and Fallowfield. 158-t3-p

ALUMINUM DEMONSTRATOR HERE TO DEMONSTRATE WEAR-EVER WARE

Miss Bessie Uthman, a demonstrator of the Wear Ever aluminum ware will be at the store of J. H. Bowers & Son all this week to make demonstrations of the ware. The demonstrations will be of a nature calculated to interest housewives and to instruct them in the matters pertaining to the best use of the Wear Ever ware.

SERIOUS CHARGES PREFERRED IN HAZING CASE FROM ROSCOE

Father of Charles Otto, Aged 16, Accuses Four Whose Names Are Withheld, of Responsibility for Boy's Death

Manslaughter charges have been made against four men whose names have not yet been given out at Roscoe in the alleged case of cruel hazing which Charles Otto, aged 16 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Otto of that place declared in his dying statement resulted in the injuries which caused his death. John Otto, father of the boy preferred the charge.

Spinal meningitis was the direct cause of the boy's death, it is declared, but this malady was superinduced according to the claim of the father by treatment he received at the Eclipse mine, where he was a trapper. Young Otto, on his deathbed is declared in a statement to his father and constable to have accused Stephen Miket, William Schultz and Ray Hazelbaker, employees at the mine, of being the principals in the brutal practices and indignities to which he is said was forced to submit.

No arrests have yet been made though Justice of the Peace Joe T. S.

Cowen of Roscoe holds the information blanks. Among the charges claimed to have been made by the boy in his last illness are:

That his hazers made a practice of butting his head against the trap door at the mine;

That they beat him with a black-skin whip because he did not furnish them with stogies;

That his clothing was stripped from him and his body smeared with grease;

That his head had been forced and held under water in a barrel from which the mules drank;

That he had been held on the ground while tobacco juice was spit in his ear.

Dr. E. L. Collier attended the Otto boy. He said that it was the condition of his head which caused death. He did not state whether this condition was probably due to the alleged brutal hazing to which the boy was subjected.

BETHLEHEM MAY BUY COAL FROM THOMPSON

Twenty Thousand Acres to be Sold According to Report of Negotiations Now Under Way—Between \$8,000,000 and \$16,000,000 Involved

Following the sale of 12,000 acres of coal lands in Greene county held by Josiah V. Thompson, former Uniontown banker, to the H. C. Frick Coke company for \$7,000,000 came the strong possibility Tuesday that the Bethlehem Steel company might buy 20,000 acres of coal land held by the same man in the same county. The report of the negotiations was confirmed Tuesday.

A. C. Robinson, chairman of the Thompson creditor's committee, refused to discuss the report. However, when Mr. Robinson announced the big deal with the Frick company on December 8 he remarked in his statement that "other important negotiations for sales of coal land are under way and an early conclusion is anticipated. There will be sufficient equity above the specific indebtedness on the property sold to pay the interest on the secured indebtedness which will be available when the deeds have passed and the committee will press the matter to as early a settlement as possible.

This might tend to bear out Tuesday's report, despite Mr. Robinson's unwillingness to discuss it.

The 20,000 acres which the Bethlehem Steel company is understood to be seeking will bring, it was estimated between \$8,000,000 and \$16,000,000. The sale to the Frick company was only about one-fifth of the value of all the Thompson coal holdings in Greene county. If the Bethlehem deal materializes the amount then realized would approximate three-fifths of the value of the holdings.

Uniontown Superintendent Resigns. Superintendent of Schools Frank W. Wright of Uniontown, resigned Tuesday to become assistant deputy state commissioner of education of the state of Massachusetts.

AGED MAN FALLS INTO GRATE FIRE, MAY DIE

William Campbell of West Brownsville in Critical Condition at Hospital From Burns Received in Peculiar Manner

Falling into an open grate. William Campbell, aged 78 years, a well known West Brownsville resident, is lying in a serious condition in the Brownsville General hospital. His arms, back and face are badly burned while his left arm is fractured.

The aged man and his wife live on Railroad street. Two weeks ago he fell down the cellar steps in attempting to do an errand. Since then he has not been able to use the injured member. Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock Mr. Campbell tried to raise himself from his chair while sitting in front of the open grate. As he attempted to place his weight on the leg it gave way, throwing him head-first into the blazing grate. He was dragged from the grate by his wife who summoned aid and he was taken to the Brownsville hospital in an unconscious condition.

Mr. Campbell is a retired miner, having spent the majority of his years in the Brownsville district. Hospital authorities express little hope for his recovery.

TREE SEEDLINGS BEING DISTRIBUTED IN STATE

Pennsylvania is distributing to individuals, water supply companies, corporations, etc., 2,000,000 forest tree seedlings to be used for reforesting woodlands and to thereby conserve the water supply. The only charge is one of about 25 cents per thousand made by the nurseryman for packing the seedlings. Persons desiring an allotment of these seedlings should apply to the Department of Forestry at Harrisburg.

Big assortment of Toys, Games and Dolls at Kirk and Clark's. M&W.

PLEADS IGNORANCE OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM

Hill Man Who Raised Rumpus Monday Night and Fought Police at His Home Held for Court Action

For the trouble he caused at his home on Luella avenue Monday night when he is alleged to have driven all members of the family from the house and to have successfully defended himself for a time from the police, Joe Kushner was held Tuesday evening by Justice of the Peace E. E. Rice on a charge of assaulting an officer and threatening to kill. He was unable to furnish the \$500 bond required and tomorrow will be removed to jail at Washington to await trial. Kushner pleaded ignorance and blamed the trouble on drink.

EXPLAIN STAND ON INSURANCE

County Commissioners Sum Up Main Points of Present Controversy

ADJUSTMENT BOARD QUOTED

Relative to the controversy which has arisen over the adjustment of the losses sustained by Washington county by reason of lightning striking the court house and destruction of George Washington's statue on the dome on the evening of August 25, the commissioners have sent out circular letters to the insurance companies and agencies interested in policies on the court house.

The commissioners state that the dispute has been of great annoyance to them, but believe that their stand has been correct and that the home offices of the various companies with which the court house is insured will be interested in knowing the true state of affairs.

Some of the companies recognizing the justice of the claims of the county have settled for their proportionate share of the expense of repairing the damage done.

A summary of the main points in the controversy is appended to the letter, as follows:

The county claims damages of \$4,000—refused by the General Adjustment Board.

The G. A. B. offers \$3,500—refused by the commissioners.

The G. A. B. demands special appraisal—consented to by the commissioners.

The commissioners ask that the insurance companies make the repairs—refused by the G. A. B.

The commissioners offer to make repairs and submit the bills for audit, the insurance companies to reimburse the county for amount actually and necessarily spent—refused by the G. A. B.

The G. A. B. submits agreement for appraisal which the commissioners have not signed.

Ladies Fine Neckwear. Crepe de chine and broadcloth just in from New York. Collars and Cuffs and cuff sets \$1.00. Kirk and Clark's. M&W.

P. R. R. GOING INTO GREENE

Network of New Lines Is Promised by the End of Coming Year

RECENT SALES SIGNIFICANT

On the eve of epochal turnovers in fields of heavy coal acreages, moves by the powerful Pennsylvania presage their entrance into Greene county on an adequate basis, after a wait of nine years, during which holders of coal have hoped and held on.

Quiet activities by the railroad which are only now cropping to the surface give certain and definite forecasts of the long deferred plan to "open up" the county. The Pennsylvania will have its network of rails reaching over the virgin fields of Greene county before the end of 1917, according to the present plans.

Definite announcement of the Pennsylvania's program will be made after the consummation of a sale of coal in the Waynesburg district, details of which are being scrupulously guarded until the sale is completed.

It has been known for years that the railroad is in possession of a complete set of plans, including right of way locations, surveys and other essential details for a rail invasion into Greene.

With the sale of the 12,000 acreage by Mr. Thompson to the H. C. Frick Coke company, by which one of the largest speculative tracts along the river front fell into the hands of an operating corporation, little in Greene county coal accessible to the river is now on the market. This makes necessary the use of the rails for interior development.

The first move of the Pennsylvania is to block the ambitious Wheeling, Ohio and Eastern railroad company consisting largely of enterprising manufacturers and business men, who would project a standard gauge single track up the Wheeling creek by way of Waynesburg to the Monongahela river near Millsboro. Through its dummy, the Wheeling Coal company, the Pennsylvania has instituted suit disputing claim of the competing road to the right of way for which both roads have filed.

A number of additional corporations have filed claims on the same right of way. It is generally assumed, however that legal obstructions will fade when assurance is given that the expansion of the railroad into Greene will be carried forward with out further delay.

Purchasers of heavy acreages of coal are prepared to assist the railroad in every way. The time for completing the project, once it has been started, will be less than three months, according to a prominent railroad official.

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EACH SEAL A BULLET.

Among the beneficent giving now is that which pertains to the relief of tuberculosis sufferers. All that is necessary is to purchase a few Red Cross seals, each one of which is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

Here are six ways in which the money you spend for Red Cross Christmas Seals may be used:

(1) Tuberculosis patients who are in need of food, clothing, sanitation care or other necessities may be relieved.

(2) A visiting nurse may be engaged to go out to the homes of the poor and give instruction and advice on the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. She is a most valuable educational and preventive agency.

(3) A special campaign for a city or county hospital may be carried on, and the community be thereby induced to assume its share of the tuberculosis burden. Thus your money is multiplied manifold.

(4) A dispensary may be maintained where patients and their families may call for free advice and examination.

(5) Open air schools and fresh air classes may be started, where boys and girls who have tuberculosis or are threatened with it may be built up in body and mind.

(6) Educational work will be done to show the entire community men, women and children that tuberculosis can be cured and prevented.

What the Athene club, which has charge of the Charleroi sale proposes to do if possible is to buy a tuberculosis tent where sufferers may be kept at Cresson or some other sanitarium awaiting admittance to the sanitarium.

A CONTRAST

The time was when the average child had to be satisfied with a home-made sled or a rough and ready doll as the best contribution Santa Claus could afford from his Christmas sack. Some times it was only an apple or a bag of nuts or a small poke of candy.

How times have changed! Now the boys gets his construction toys, his engines, his electric motors, his tool-box filled with tools, his wagons, cycles, wheelbarrows. His sister gets her great sleeping doll, her desk, favorite picture book, pretty toy or what not. Few today have to get along with the sled that was home-made and showed it, or a homespun dress.

This is evidence of the progress of the times. Changes do not come in a day, yet they are swift. The old-fashioned gifts taught the old-fashioned boy or girl how to appreciate small things, an art that somewhat seems lacking today. But the new-fangled toys have their virtues and they too are educational. In them, or at least in most of them, is embodied a scientific principle that is the delight of a growing boy or girl to understand. Popular they properly are and sensible, and a natural outgrowth as well as our old-fashioned Santa Claus notions of the past.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

WHERE IS THE COAL GOING?

The enormous demand for coal and the tremendous movement of it in response to that demand, is a source of amazement even to those who are familiar with the industry. Never before in the history of the country have the mines of every coal producing region been subject to such insistent calls for increased output; never before have the transportation facilities of the country been so burdened in hauling the product of the mines to the market.

In answering the inquiry, "Where is all the coal going?" which is heard among producers, dealers, consumers and the public alike, The Black Diamond says, "The coke trade is one answer. For the first nine months of this year the coke production in the Connellsville region alone was 16,590,481 tons. It takes at least one and one-half tons of coal to make one ton of coke. This, therefore, would mean approximately

25,000,000 tons of coal used in the production of that coke. In the first nine months of 1915 the Connellsville coke production was 12,300,358 tons. That on the same basis, called for 18,500,000 tons of coal. In other words, Connellsville had a gain in coke of 4,290,123 tons, and consequently a gain of 6,500,000 tons of coal.

"To take 6,500,000 tons of coal out of the normal channels and devote it to coke begins to explain why we are having a shortage of fuel. It is predicted that the production of coke in the Connellsville district for this year will be 22,000,000 tons. This will call for about 33,000,000 tons of coal. That is, knowing what we produced last year, the indications are that close to 8,000,000 tons of additional coal will go to the Connellsville coke ovens this year. If you add that to the increased coal used in munitions plants and cotton mills and on the railroads, and when you consider that all of this new demand is in the East, it is not hard to explain the eastern shortage of coal."

In the foregoing, which is based on the data prepared by the Weekly Courier, no account is taken of the shipments by river and rail from the mines in the Connellsville region which go largely to the by-product coke ovens located outside the district. These shipments have been averaging at least 1,000,000 tons per month. To determine the total the Connellsville region is supplying to the coal movement of the country this important part of the tonnage must be added to that which is transformed into coke at the beehive ovens in the region.

THE INDIAN TIDE HAS TURNED.

Dr. Lawrence W. White, superintendent of the Lac du Flambeau Indian School, who has recently completed a personal investigation among American Indians, declares in The Red Man that the Indian except in racial ideals and characteristics, no longer belongs to a "vanishing race." Dr. White declares that as a result of better sanitary conditions, better medical treatment and better living, the birth rate among Indians now exceeds the death rate.

In the 1916 vital statistics maintained by various states, 209,224 Indians were enumerated. Of these

about 100,000 were full-blooded. The total births were 6,092 and the deaths, 4,570, an excess of births over deaths of 1,522. The statistics do not include the Five Civilized Tribes or certain unattached Indians of California, among whom health conditions are favorable.

Dr. White here puts an end to the melancholy chant about the passing of a race. The doctor indeed does more, for he declares that the government's policy of educating the Indian, giving him permanent habitations, and putting him to work "on his own" in agriculture, has brought about a rejuvenation that ultimately will redeem a race which has suffered much at the hands of the white invader. What crimes the Indian committed in early days were due to his ignorance of what we call civilization. But civilization is at last paying its debt by sharing with the Indian some of its own knowledge of how to live and how to work.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

A girl should have a chaperon until she can call a "chap-her-own."

Goodness, girls, hurry! Only a week is left of Leap Year.

The hardest thing for a man to learn is to be broad-minded about the hat his wife wants to buy.

We only have to be honest to note that the boy of today is no worse than the boy of a few years back.

Of course it's a lot of fun making things for the kids, but then you know a fellow never has time to manufacture anything decent himself and that's why he has to buy.

Woman's Day

The Wadding group.

A gleeful troop.

They now expect

The girl's look nice.

But little ice

The men dissect.

Here comes the bride

In pomp and pride

With tilted chin.

But watch the groom—

Amid deep gloom

He oozes in.

—Philadelphia Bulletin.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A certain amount of moralizing may be all right in its way but that variety dispensed by a Broadway cafe servitor, yesterday, is scarcely of a nature to enhance his business standing, says the New York Tele-

graph. A vaudeville actor dropped into the place in question to get a check cashed and was much taken aback when the white-coated man behind the mahogany refused to consider it negotiable.

"Why won't you cash it?" the holder of the scrap of paper demanded, indignantly. "You ought to know me; I spend most of my time in this place."

"Sure," agreed the other complacently. And then he added as an afterthought, "That's why I won't cash it."

The prison visitor on his usual rounds noticed that a new man occupied a cell that had been empty for some time.

"My friend," he began, "may I ask what brought you here?"

"The same thing that brought you here," replied the convict; "a desire to poke my nose into other people's business, only I generally used to go in by the basement window."

Johnny D., who has seen eight summers go by, not very long ago developed a fondness for playing "hookey" from school. After two or three offenses of this kind he was taken to task by his teacher.

"Johnny," she said, "the next time you are absent I want you to bring me an excuse from your father telling me why you were not here."

"I don't want to bring an excuse from father," protested the boy.

"Why not?" asked the teacher

her suspicion plain.

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An acceptable gift that is useful and pleasing, in Christmas boxes.
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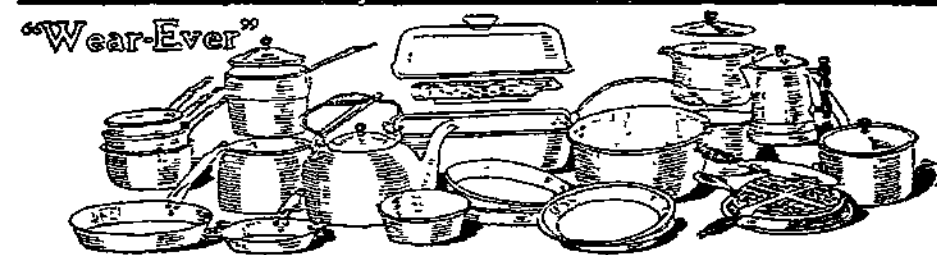
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There is no prouder bird in appearance than the ruffed grouse, none so majestic in flight. The hunter who can find him and after finding can make 50 per cent of hits may be classed as an expert. When flushed this grouse springs into the air with a roaring noise; there is a flash of brown hurling itself through the forest, and in an instant the bird is lost sight of.—Boston Journal.

Diplomacy in the Home.

Every now and then wife urges husband to buy some new clothes for himself, but if he is a pretty good talker he can get out of it without making her mad.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Begin the New Year right—give your insides a thorough cleaning, washing, purifying. Protect them against the coming year's sickness and disease. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea cleans the stomach, bowels and kidneys as soap and water does the face—makes you feel like new all over. Without fail; try it. Hollister's Drug Store. Adv

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On December 9th we started our 1917 Christmas Savings Club. Members will pay in a small amount each week for 50 weeks and at the end of that time will receive checks for the total amount they have paid in, plus interest. The plan is simple.

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Charleroi, Pa.

THAT KNIFE-LIKE PAIN

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Have you a lame back, aching day and night? Do you feel sharp pains after stooping? Are the kidneys sore? Is their action irregular? Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the medicine recommended by so many Charleroi people. Read this case:

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He Considered Himself Smart

By BARBARA PHEPPS

I was talkin' with Mandy Simmons t'other day. I was tellin' her about my crops, just how much wheat I'd tuk in, how much corn and produce, and ended up by coufessin' to her that I'd put in the bank more'n \$200 over and above expenses, sum and all that. Mandy's a nice gal. I wouldn't 'a' told anybody else what I told her. It seemed like I was tellin' it to myself.

"Land sakes, Mr. Barnickel," said Mandy, "how tight you do stick to yer farm and yer crops and the money yer puttin' in the bank! Ain't y' ever goin' to think about gettin' married and havin' some one to leave all yer fortune to when y' die?"

Somewhat I'd never thought o' that. I'd felt lonesome-like evenin's now and then, and when I'd had a stroke o' luck I felt kind a-like tellin' some un about it. That's the reason why I told Mandy how much profit I'd made durin' last season. I says to Mandy when she talked about my gettin' some un to leave my earnin's to, says I: "I dunno any gal as would have me, and a man can't marry unless he's got a gal."

"Why, Mr. Barnickel," says Mandy, "I don't reckon you'd care any trouble on that score. I was standin' lookin' at a gal t'other day, and she said somethin' to me. I couldn't hear what it was, but somehow I reckoned it was about you. I asked her to write it down, and she did. What do you s'pose it was?"

"I dunno."

"It was 'I wish Jeb Barnickel would propose to me.'"

I was tuk dat aback. I didn't know any gal that had even looked at me that a way. I asked Mandy who the gal was, but she wouldn't tell me. She chuckled and said I might ask her three questions, to which she would answer truthfully, provided I didn't ask the gal's name. I began by askin' her where she was when she was talkin' to the gal, and she said she was in the livin' room at home. Then I asked her why she couldn't hear what the gal said, and she answered that there was glass between her and the other gal.

"Oh," I says, "she was standin' out on the porch or in the yard, and the window was shut down."

Mandy didn't say nothin' to this, but she larked it to kill herself. I'd asked her two questions and had one more to ask. The only thing I could think of for this last question was, "Where was the gal when she writ down what you said she did?" I asked her this, and she said the gal was in the same room with her.

"I don't want her," says I.

"Why not?" asked Mandy, serious like.

"'Cause she must be deaf and dumb."

With that, Mandy like to split her sides larin'. I didn't like bein' made fun of that a-way, and I looked it. With that, Mandy looked sorry and sidled up to me and cuddled me a little, and she says, says she:

"Mr. Barnickel, it wouldn't be right for me to give a gal away like that. But I'll tell you what I'll do. She often comes to see me Saturday evenin's. If you'd care to drop in some Saturday evenin' if she comes in, you'll see her."

"That's fair," says I. "I'll come next Saturday. How will I know when a gal comes in she's the gal that was talkin' to you?"

"Oh, I'll put you on," says Mandy, and with that she went away, with a spark in her eye and a smile on her lips. She looked so pretty that I kinda wished she and I was keepin' house together and there wasn't any other gal had anything to do with it.

Saturday night I put on my store clothes and a hotted shirt and went round to Mandy's. She seemed glad to see me, but she said she didn't reckon the gal I wanted to see would drop in. She sat by me on the sofa and told me that if I had anything on my mind I felt like gittin' off I was welcome to do it.

Facin' the sofa was an old fashioned desk or library or suthin with a lookin' glass on it. We could see ourselves in the glass. I asked Mandy what part o' the room she was in when the gal said what she did to her. Mandy said she was sittin' on the sofa.

"I thort the gal was outside," says I.

"If you was sittin' on the sofa you couldn't see any one outside."

Mandy chuckled.

"'Xon couldn't see nobody unless y' saw yerself in the lookin' glass yonder."

Mandy didn't say nothin' to this; she looked down at her knees and smoothed her dress with her hands.

"Do y' think the gal'll drop in to night?" says I.

"I dunno," says Mandy.

"Well," I says, "I don't keer whether she does or not. I'm mighty well satisfied to be with you, Mandy. If you say so I won't wait for t'other gal. Any time you want to marry me and come and take keer o' my horse you kin do it."

"Oh, Mr. Barnickel," she says, "you have spoke too late. The other gal's here."

"Where is she?" says I.

"Look in the glass."

I reckon it was downright smart o' me to see what she meant. It didn't rile me a bit. Why should it? I'll tell y'. It was 'cause she and the other was one and the same gal. I wonder if she hadn't been talkin' to herself in the glass.

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 "The darkest hour is just before dawn," is an old English proverb which expresses more poetically the homelier adages, "When things are at their worst they soonest mend," "When gale is highest boat is safest," "The longest day will have an end," "After a storm comes a calm," and finds an equivalent in other languages, as in French, "By dint of going wrong all will come right;" in Italian, "Il è l'ora dell'evill;" in Persian, "It is at the narrowest part of the defile that the valley begins to open," and in Hebrew, "When the tale of bricks is doubled Moses comes."
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Keeping Home Happy.
 The tramp touched his hat and walked along beside the horseman.
 "You wouldn't think it, sir," he said, "but I once had a happy home."
 "Then," said the rider, "why didn't you do something to keep it happy?"
 "I did, sir," said the tramp; "I left it."—Fall Mall Gazette.

Willie's Question.
 "Pa."
 "Yes, Willie."
 "Pa, how is it that my hair has grown longer than yours when yours has grown longer than mine?"
 The paternal idea.
 Miss Roxley—I lost my heart last night, pa. I accepted Mr. Poorman.
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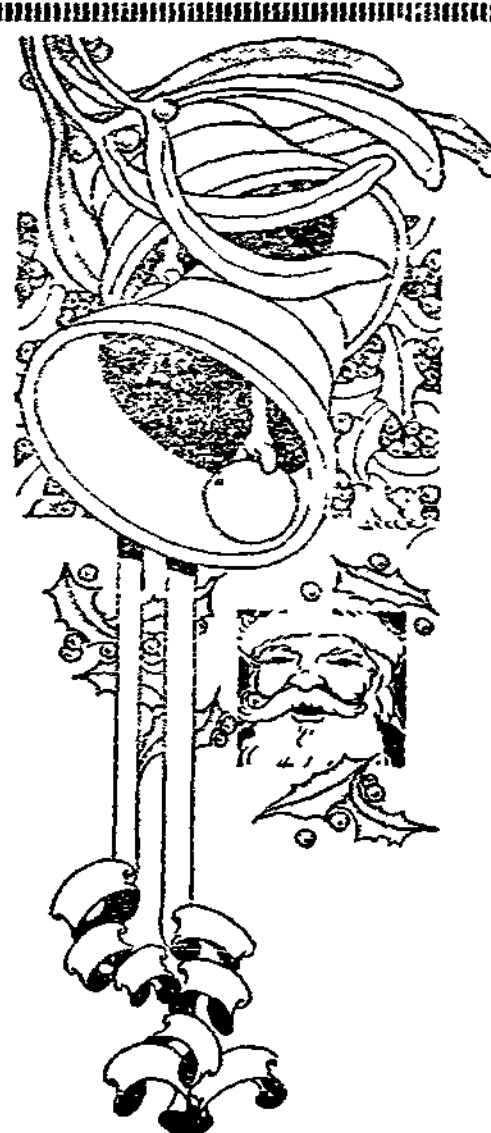
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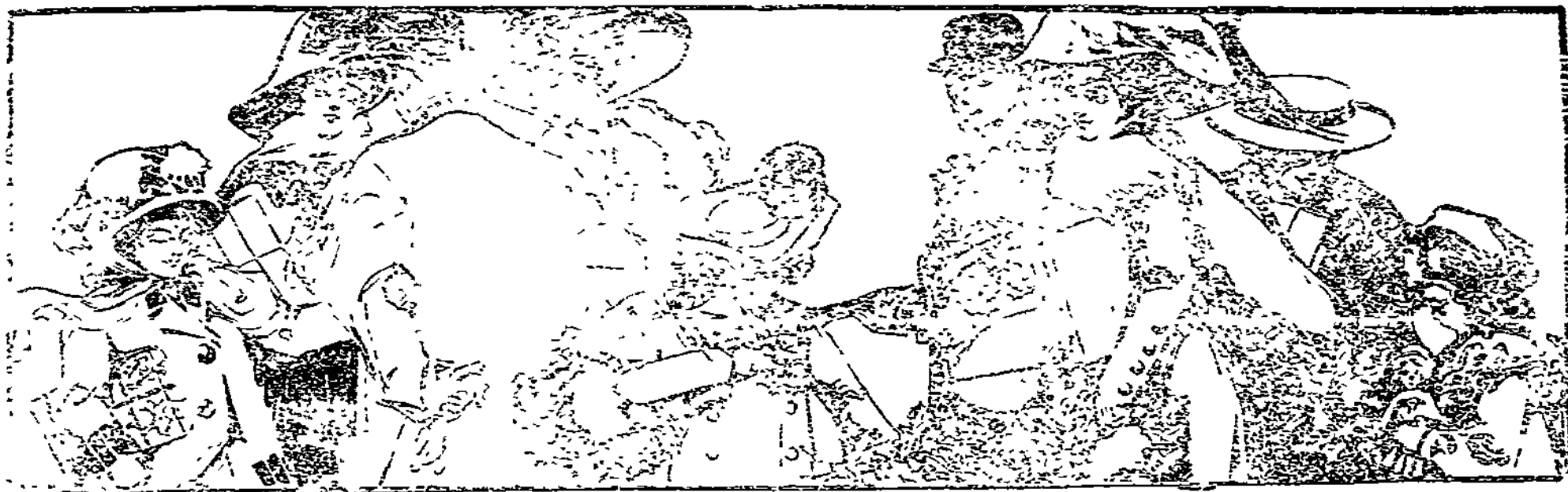
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Retaliation

By ETHEL HOLMES

Hodkins & Co. was the name under which a large dry goods store was run. There was a great deal of what is called leakage in the store—that is, a certain proportion of all the goods brought into it was taken out, not by fear of the police.

One of the junior partners, Mr. Watkins, was given carte blanche to stop the leak.

One evening in a pile of paper that had been used for wrapping and that had been tucked under a counter to be carried out were found some valuable lines. They were of light blue and really concealed. The counter was attended by Helen Sayre, a girl of sixteen. The morning after the discovery was made by Mr. Watkins and accused of having placed the lines where they were found with a view either to hide them to avoid detection or to take them away later.

The girl could not explain how the lines—she said hers—came to be where they were instead of in the boxes where they belonged. She was bewildered and tongue-tied. Watkins turned her over to the police and prosecuted her for theft. Since no one had seen her take the goods he did not expect to convict her, he simply desired to make an example of her by prosecuting her. She was acquitted, but every clerk in the store knew that her arrest was a bitter punishment and a warning to them.

The morning after her acquittal a young man called at Mr. Watkins' private office.

"What can I do for you, sir?" asked Watkins.

"You can give me \$10,000."

"What for?" asked the dry goods man in amazement.

"A wedding present for Helen Sayre, whom you have publicly disgraced. You may call it a wedding present or an atonement or anything you like, but the money must be forthcoming. The real thief, being conscience stricken, has confessed by letter that she stole the goods in question and, seeing a doorkeeper approaching, mixed them up with some castoff wrapping paper and threw them under Helen Sayre's counter."

"If Miss Sayre has such a letter as that she will be restored to her position and the thief will be prosecuted."

"You will not be permitted to see the letter. Helen Sayre does not intend to return to her position. She will be married to me this evening. I will be pleased to take her, the wedding present I have mentioned."

"Nonsense man! If you have come here to bluff me you may take yourself away or I will call a policeman to eject you."

"I came here to make a demand," said the young man, rising, "and I venture the prediction that in less than one year you will comply with it."

With this the speaker withdrew. Six months passed, and Mr. Watkins had forgotten the incident when his daughter, eighteen years old, was walking through the aisles of Hodkins & Co's store when she was accosted by a woman who said she would like to speak to her in private. Miss Watkins, surprised, followed the woman to a secluded place, where the latter relieved her of her reticule, opened it and removed several boxes containing articles of jewelry. To the astonished girl she said:

"You were in Nevins' jewelry store this afternoon, were you not?"

"I was."

"You stole these articles. I happened to see you take them. I know who you are. You are the daughter of a member of this firm. He would not like the matter made public. If you will go home you are welcome to do so. Tell your father that he will receive a visit this evening from one authorized to arrange to keep this matter quiet."

The woman left the girl, taking the reticule and its contents, and Miss Watkins hurried to her father's office and, bursting into tears, told him what had occurred.

"Oh, papa," she cried, "don't condemn me! Indeed, I am innocent."

Mr. Watkins called a conveyance and took his daughter home.

That evening a man called on Mr. Watkins. He said that he was from Nevins' jewelry store. A woman had reported that she had seen Miss Watkins take certain articles of jewelry from Nevins' counter and slip them into her reticule. If the jewels were returned the matter would be hushed up.

But both the reticule and its contents had passed from Miss Watkins' possession.

"What are the jewels worth?" asked Mr. Watkins.

The man handed him a memorandum of the articles, with prices footing \$10,000.

Watkins saw that either he must pay for the lost jewels or his daughter would be published and prosecuted as a thief. He would have hired detectives to ferret out what he knew to be a conspiracy, but the representative of Nevins' told him that the matter was without their control and unless the property was paid for those who had accused his daughter of the theft would publish it at once, and they had plenty of evidence to send his daughter to the penitentiary. He paid the bill.

The jewels were eventually returned to Nevins & Co. in exchange for \$10,000.

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LOST—Bunch of keys between Third and Seventh streets, on McKean. Leave with Mrs. John Kuth, 315 McKean. 158-22.

LOST—Two \$50 bills; one \$20 bill and three \$1 bills in union card case, on Lock hill. Twenty per cent reward if money is returned to Otto Polart, P. O. Box 113, Lock No. 4. 158-26.

WANTED—Girl for general housework: one who can care for children. No washing. Mrs. Joseph

Fitzmorris, Fourth street, Lock No. 4. 157-43

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More Than 300 Outside of Districts Under Separate Supervision On State Membership Roll.

County Superintendent Crumrine announces that 330 teachers of Washington county, outside the four districts under separate supervision, Washington, Monongahela, Donora and Charleroi, have enrolled as members of the State Educational association,

and it is expected that others will enroll before Thursday evening, December 21, when the time expires for receiving members of the association.

All members are required to pay the small fee of a dollar, which entitles them to full membership, and a book containing every proceeding of the big state convention which is to be held at Harrisburg December 27, 28 and 29. The three delegates specially selected to attend the convention and make reports of the state convention at the county institute next fall, have signified their intentions of attending the meeting. They are Miss Mabel Mason, Washington, representing the high schools of the county; Miss M. Emma McPeake, Canonsburg, representing the grade schools, and Miss Lillian Murchland, teacher in Cecil township,

who represents the rural schools.

Other educators of the county who will probably attend the state meeting of teachers are Superintendent T. L. Pollock and Principal S. R. Grimm, Charleroi; Superintendent L. R. Crumrine, Assistant County Superintendent C. R. Daubenspeck, Superintendent T. G. McCleary, of Washington; Principal E. F. Westlake, East Washington, and Superintendent R. G. Dean, Monongahela.

Suit Continued.

The suit at Washington of Samuel Friedman against Jacob Zeidman of Charleroi has been continued until the next term of court.

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Deeds Recorder.

November 22, 1916—Sadie A. Rupert, Charleroi, to Stephen Pavlovsky, et ux, Charleroi, a lot fronting 40 feet on First street, Charleroi, and extending back 120 feet; consideration \$1.

November 13, 1916—Charleroi Land Co., to Sadie A. Rupert, Charleroi, a lot fronting 40 feet on First street, Charleroi, and extending back 10 feet; consideration \$1.

Will of Ella A. Nutt.

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Piper's Pharmacy, Charleroi, Pa.
Notice of Election

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bentleyville will be held in the Banking rooms, January 9, 1917, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come up at that time

S. Martin Berg, Cashier.
Dec 13-20-27-J-3

It's never idle a minute, busy as a mailer, gets right to the bowels; works while you're asleep or awake. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea for stopped-up bowels, costiveness, constipation, sick headaches, bad breath, poor appetite. Try it, without fail. 35c. Henning's Drug Store Adv

NORTH CHARLEROI

Mrs. W. F. Hagerty was a Pittsburgh caller Tuesday.

Herman Phillips of Uniontown was a business caller here Tuesday.

Miss Myrtle Dummire was a Pittsburgh caller.

A pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan Monday evening when a birthday party was given in honor of their daughter Miss Myrtle. This was her twelfth birthday. About forty-five guests were present. A lunch was served at 10 o'clock.

Wilfred Gaskill visited friends at Finleyville.

Miss Katie Dwyer of Fayette City is visiting her sister, Mrs. Everett Harris.

Jesse Baldwin was a business caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cheshire of Rices Landing were called here by the death of the former's brother, James Cheshire.

Mrs. Hiram Myers attended the funeral of her uncle, John Slaughter, at Crafton Wednesday.

Mrs. W. S. McCreary who met with a painful accident by spraining her ankle a few days ago, is getting along as nicely as could be expected.

Mrs. John Hogan was a visitor at Speers Tuesday.

John Beall of Finleyville visited friends here.

Miss Blanche Donegan of Monessen was a caller here.

Cornelius Buchanan, Jr., is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. Fitzmorris has returned to her home in Pittsburgh after visiting with her son, James Fitzmorris.

Miss Mabel Zellers of Belle Ver-

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

For Men, Women and Children

In spite of the increasing cost of everything used in the making of Slippers the same low prices prevail here as last year, because we prepared for this Christmas months ago.



Men's Felt "Comfy" Slippers

made of fine all-wool felt with soft padded soles. Oxford grey color, sizes 6 to 11.

\$1.75

Men's Fine Kid Slippers

Tan and black kid in Romeo, Opera and Everett styles, turn sole, all sizes at

\$1.75

Boy's Tan Kid Slippers

In Romeo and Everett styles, sizes 1 1/2 to 5 1/2

\$1.25

Women's Juliette Slippers

All wool felt in colors gray, brown and black, fur and ribbon trimmed. Sizes 3 to 8 at

\$1.25

Women's "Peerless Slippers

"Comfy" felt Slippers, trimmed with satin ribbon and pompon soft padded soles, variety of colors, sizes 3 to 8.

\$1.50

Men's "Faust" Slippers

High Top Slippers made with hand turn leather soles our foot-form lasts all sizes 6 to 10, at

\$3.50

Claybaugh-Milliken
CHARLEROI, PA.

Master Builders On Sale

500, \$1 sets of Master Builders

Special
at

79c

300 sets of No. 2 Master Builders

Special
at

\$1.48

COLLINS

The Big Store

non was a caller here Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Culy of Belle Vernon were callers here.

Albert Ghennie was a business caller in Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Myers and Mr. and Mrs. John Myers spent Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Crosby of Belle Vernon.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAKES INSURANCE WITH STATE

Compensation insurance for employees of the Charleroi school district will be taken with the State insurance fund the same as last year, as a result of action to that effect by the school board at a regular meeting Tuesday evening. Aside from the compensation insurance matter the only business considered was that of the payment of a number of bills.

NO COASTING TO BE PERMITTED ON STREETS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

There is to be no coasting on Fifth street Friday afternoon and the reason for it is that the police, who have been guarding corners during certain hours, will be doing duty elsewhere that afternoon. Friday the annual treat of Charleroi lodge, No. 494, B. P. O. Elks will be distributed and the police will help protect children there.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. C. Power of Monongahela is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Pearce of Washington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mountsier of Lincoln avenue were Pittsburgh visitors Wednesday.

Announcement is being made of the marriage at Pittsburgh Saturday of Miss Edna Shroyer and William Abel both of Charleroi. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Daniel Marsh pastor of a Pittsburgh Methodist

church. The couple will live in Charleroi.

Roy Lutes of Donora was a caller in Charleroi Tuesday.

Mrs. H. C. Yon was a business caller in Pittsburgh Wednesday.

Alden Carroll made a business trip to Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Through the agency of Justice of the Peace Paul R. Nutt a marriage license was granted to Mathias Nutting and Sarah Huber of Maple Creek Tuesday.

Marriage Licenses at Washington have been granted to Miss Olive L. Painter of Ellsworth and William Thomas Middleton of Charleroi, and to Miss Anna V. Lauderbaugh and Patrick F. Carly of North Charleroi.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Matthews of Buffalo, N. Y., with their children are here to visit with Mrs. Matthews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. James of Fifth street and other relatives.

Mrs. S. T. Franks was a caller in Pittsburgh Wednesday.

INSECT INVENTORS.

Clever Things Done by Spiders, Bees Wasps and Ants

"The best commentary perhaps on such a sentence as 'The inventor is just a chap who translates his forecastings to castings is that among our greatest inventors are the insects,' writes James A. Ford in America. 'As a warning reflection on human cleverness these insect inventors should not be forgotten. The wasp made excellent waterproof paper ages before man ever thought of doing so, and made it from wood pulp. We have been using that material only for a couple of generations.

The bee and the wasp used hypodermic needles long before man ever thought of them, and the bee uses formic acid as an antiseptic to preserve its honey from fermentation.

"The spider made the first suspension bridge according to all the rules of the craft, and some spiders make excellent air-bus. One of them even makes a diving bell."

"The bee makes a wax that we cannot imitate.

"The silkworm is still the unrivaled manufacturer of silk.

"To these we might add the ant, which makes tunnels and subways the mason bee, with its cement work, and the great peacock moth, which calls its kind from a distance by wireless telegraphy. But to complete the story we should have to reprint Henri Fabre's books."

GERALD O'LEARY ESTATE VALUED AT \$70,677.40

Gerald O'Leary, late of Monongahela a wholesale liquor dealer, doing business in Allegheny county, left a personal estate of \$70,677.40, according to the appraisement just filed. The "Good will of wholesale Liquor Business conducted at the premises at the northeast corner of the river road and Monongahela and West Newton road, Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania" is appraised at \$25,000. The stock of bottles, jugs, glasses, etc., in connection with the business is appraised at \$2,420; horses, harness, wagon, stable equipment, etc., \$1,800; license for the premises, unexpired, \$120; stock of beer on hand, \$427.50; stock of wines and liquors, \$1,337.05; furniture, etc., \$1,300 and accounts receivable \$4,772.25.

The farm implements, machinery and other personal property on his farm in Fallowfield township, are appraised at \$3,000. The stock is appraised at \$2,000.

He also held 360 shares of the capital stock of the Monongahela, Ellsworth and Washington Street Railways Co., appraised at \$18,000. He also holds a mortgage for \$3,000.

The furniture in five rooms in the house at 1115 Main street, Monongahela, excepting the works of art, bric-a-brac, silverware, cut glass and china, is appraised at \$2,089. He also has furniture in storage valued at \$2,000.

Paintings, vases, statues, photographs, etc., in his home library, are appraised at \$426.50, and similar furnishings in his parlor at \$2,105. His dining room furnishings are appraised at \$655.50. The balance includes the furnishings of the bed rooms.

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD

LOCAL DAMAGE SUIT TO BE HARD FOUGHT

The suit of Michael Kihel and wife against the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City Street Railway company, called Monday but passed on account of the absence of ma-

'STOP' SAYS RAILROAD POSTER TO TRESPASSING PUBLIC

In furtherance of its efforts to reduce the appalling loss of life which results from the reckless habit of trespassing on railroad tracks, the Pennsylvania Railroad has issued, and is widely distributing a conspicuous poster warning of the danger of this practice. The purpose of the poster is to emphasize the evil of a willful form of risk which annually, in the United States, causes over 10,000 casualties—half of them fatal.

The posters bear a fac-simile of the standard warning signal adopted by American railroads for the use of watchmen, consisting of a white disk with the word "Stop" in large black letters. The fac-simile of the signal is brought out in striking prominence by an orange background. The lower portion of the poster bears these words:

"Do not risk your life by trespassing on the Railroad. More than 5,000 men, women and children are killed every year, in this country, while taking 'short cuts' over the tracks or otherwise trespassing on Railroad property. Don't take this chance."

The new "Stop" poster will be displayed at places where the general public are accustomed to take short cuts across the tracks or to use the railroad right of way as a highway.

Material witnesses was called Tuesday afternoon. The jury was called and challenged in court room No. 2, while arguments were being made in a case in court room No. 1. This facilitated matters and the suit was gone into immediately after the jury had gone out in the other case. The plaintiffs seek damages for the death of a five-year-old daughter run down and killed by a car of the defendant company on Schoonmaker avenue, Monessen, on March 1 last. The suit promises to be bitterly fought by both sides. The plaintiffs allege negligence, while the defense contends the accident was an unavoidable one, that the little girl ran directly in front of the car and the motorman had not time to stop his car before he hit her.